

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7563–S7645

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5040–5062, and S. Res. 804–805. **Pages S7589–90**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “The 2020 Joint Economic Report”. (S. Rept. No. 116–335)

Special Report entitled “A Record of Bipartisan Policymaking in Support of Older Americans”. (S. Rept. No. 116–336) **Page S7589**

Measures Passed:

Improving Mental Health Access for Students Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 1782, to add suicide prevention resources to school identification cards, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7580–81**

Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act: Senate passed S. 2165, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7583–86**

Heinrich Amendment No. 2712, to modify certain penalties. **Page S7586**

Fraud and Scam Reduction Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2610, to establish an office within the Federal Trade Commission and an outside advisory group to prevent fraud targeting seniors and to direct the Commission to study and submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors and Indian tribes, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7638–39**

Braun (for Wicker) Amendment No. 2713, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7638–39**

Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act: Senate passed S. 481, to encourage States to require the installation of residential carbon monoxide detectors in homes,

after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7639–41**

Braun (for Klobuchar) Amendment No. 2714, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7640–41**

United States Anti-Doping Agency Reauthorization Act: Senate passed S. 3248, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, after withdrawing the committee amendments, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7641–42**

Braun (for Moran) Amendment No. 2715, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7640–42**

Combating Pandemic Scams Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6435, to direct the Federal Trade Commission to develop and disseminate information to the public about scams related to COVID–19, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7642**

School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2468, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain allergies and asthma-related grants, to States that require certain public schools to have allergies and asthma management programs, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7642**

Advancing Education on Biosimilars Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 1681, to educate health care providers and the public on biosimilar biological products, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7642–43**

Braun (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2716, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7643**

Providing for Senate Staff Transition: Senate agreed to S. Res. 805, providing for staff transition for a Senator if the results of the election for an additional term of office of the Senator have not been certified. **Page S7643**

1921 Silver Dollar Coin Anniversary Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6192, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to honor the 100th anniversary of completion of coinage of the “Morgan Dollar” and the 100th anniversary of commencement of coinage of the “Peace Dollar”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7643**

Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1923, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue certain circulating collectible coins, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7643**

Braun (for Cortez Masto/Fischer) Amendment No. 2717, to improve the bill. **Page S7643**

Aretha Franklin Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3976, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12711 East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the “Aretha Franklin Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

Clara Luper Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5597, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 305 Northwest 5th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the “Clara Luper Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

Tom Reid Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7810, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3519 East Walnut Street in Pearland, Texas, as the “Tom Reid Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

Mary Ann Shadd Cary Post Office Dedication Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1, in Wilmington, Delaware, as the “Mary Ann Shadd Cary Post Office”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

Clara Barton Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal

Service located at 14 Walnut Street in Bordentown, New Jersey, as the “Clara Barton Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

Senior Airman Daniel Miller Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5123, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 476 East Main Street in Galesburg, Illinois, as the “Senior Airman Daniel Miller Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

George H. Bacel Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5451, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 599 East Genesee Street in Fayetteville, New York, as the “George H. Bacel Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

Woodie Rucker-Hughes Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5983, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4150 Chicago Avenue in Riverside, California, as the “Woodie Rucker-Hughes Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

William ‘Jack’ Jackson Edwards III Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6418, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 509 Fairhope Avenue in Fairhope, Alabama, as the “William ‘Jack’ Jackson Edwards III Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

Senator Jack Hill Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7088, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 James Street in Reidsville, Georgia, as the “Senator Jack Hill Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

Jessie Field Shambaugh Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7502, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 16th Street in Clarinda, Iowa, as the “Jessie Field Shambaugh Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7643–44**

Joseph Bullock Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 8611,

to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4755 Southeast Dixie Highway in Port Salerno, Florida, as the “Joseph Bullock Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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J. Howard Coble Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6161, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1585 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, as the “J. Howard Coble Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed.

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Jim Ramstad Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 4971, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 Minnetonka Avenue South in Wayzata, Minnesota, as the “Jim Ramstad Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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Howard Arthur Tibbs Post Office: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 4857, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 275 Penn Avenue in Salem, Ohio, as the “Howard Arthur Tibbs Post Office”, and the bill was then passed.

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Marc Lee Memorial Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6016, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14955 West Bell Road in Surprise, Arizona, as the “Marc Lee Memorial Post Office Building”.

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House Messages:

Indian Community Economic Enhancement Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 212, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities.

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Dietz Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thompson Michael Dietz, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Saturday, December 19, 2020.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7579**

Johnson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Thompson Michael Dietz, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7579**

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Soskin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eric J. Soskin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation,

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

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Harwell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Beth Harwell, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Eric J. Soskin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7579**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7579**

Noland Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. **Pages S7579–80**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Beth Harwell, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. **Pages S7579–80**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7579**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7579**

Stones Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Charles A. Stones, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. **Page S7580**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. **Page S7580**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7580**

Aenlle-Rocha Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Page S7580**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Charles A. Stones, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. **Page S7580**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7580**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Friday, December 18, 2020. **Page S7644**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 272), Charles Edward Atchley, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Pages S7563–67**

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 274), Zachary N. Somers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. **Pages S7567–72**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 273), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7567**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Romolo A. Bernardi, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2023.

Terrence M. Andrews, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Daniel Z. Epstein, of Texas, to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States for the term of five years. **Page S7645**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Daniel Z. Epstein, of Texas, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, which was sent to the Senate on February 4, 2020. **Page S7645**

Messages from the House: **Page S7588**

Executive Communications: **Pages S7588–89**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S7592–S7635**

Additional Statements: **Pages S7587–88**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7635–38**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—274) **Pages S7567, S75672**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7644.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 8996–8997, 8999–9024; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1267–1269 were introduced.

Pages H7258–59

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5821, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish hospice program survey and enforcement procedures under the Medicare program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–660, Part 1);

H.R. 5120, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–661, Part 1);

H.R. 4347, to enhance the Federal Government's planning and preparation for extreme weather and the Federal Government's dissemination of best practices to respond to extreme weather, thereby increasing resilience, improving regional coordination, and mitigating the financial risk to the Federal Government from such extreme weather, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–662, Part 1);

H.R. 123, to authorize a pilot program under section 258 of the National Housing Act to establish an automated process for providing additional credit rating information for mortgagors and prospective mortgagors under certain mortgages, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–663); and

H.R. 149, to authorize funds to prevent housing discrimination through the use of nationwide testing, to increase funds for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–664).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clay to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: United States Semiquincentennial Commission Amendments Act of 2020: S. 3989, amended, to amend the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 to modify certain membership and other requirements of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission;

Pages H7244–45

Deeming an urban Indian organization and employees thereof to be a part of the Public Health Service for the purposes of certain claims for personal injury: H.R. 6535, amended, to deem an urban Indian organization and employees thereof to be a part of the Public Health Service for the purposes of certain claims for personal injury;

Pages H7245–47

Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools Act: H.R. 3250, amended, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the sites associated with the life and legacy of the noted American philanthropist and business executive Julius Rosenwald, with a special focus on the Rosenwald Schools, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 245;

Pages H7247–48, H7252–53

Peace Corps Commemorative Work Extension Act: H.R. 7460, to extend the authority for the establishment by the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation of a commemorative work to commemorate the mission of the Peace Corps and the ideals on which the Peace Corps was founded;

Pages H7248–49

Jimmy Carter National Historical Park Redesignation Act: H.R. 5472, to redesignate the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site as the “Jimmy Carter National Historical Park”; and

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Weir Farm National Historical Park Redesignation Act: H.R. 5852, to redesignate the Weir Farm National Historic Site in the State of Connecticut as the “Weir Farm National Historical Park”.

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